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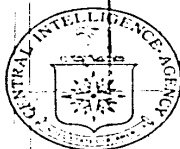
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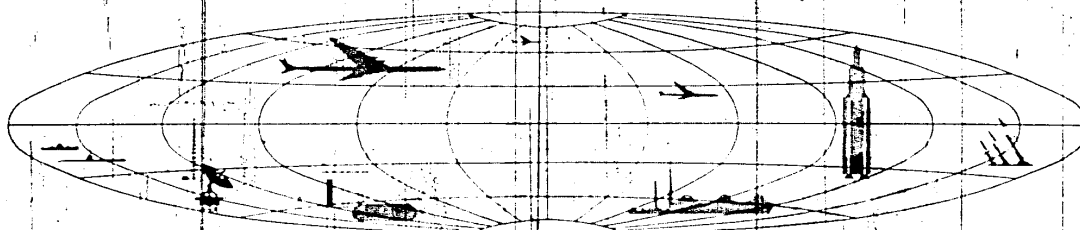
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PREFACE

This report is one in a series on Soviet Ground Force and Logistic installations being prepared for a DIA/CIA Panel. The series is being coordinated, published and disseminated by NPIC. The photographic analysis is being performed by the NPIC Photographic Analysis Group, the CIA Photographic Intelligence Division (NPIC), and the Production Center 1P1c (DIA). The photographic analysis for this particular report was performed by the CIA Photographic Intelligence Division.

In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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CHITA MILITARY BARRACKS PESCHANKA

(51-59N 113-33E)

CHITA, CHITINSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

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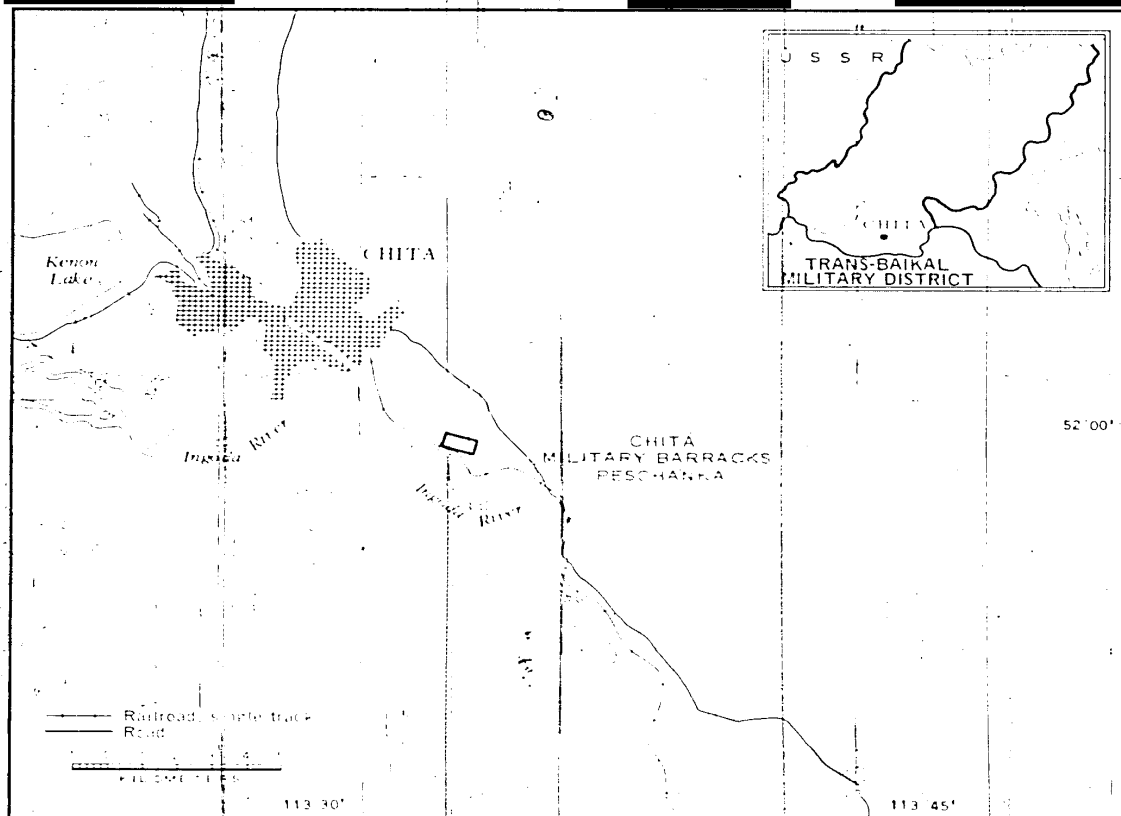


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF CHITA MILITARY BARRACKS PESCHANKA, CHITA, USSR.

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SUMMARY

The Chita Military Barracks Peschanka is situated 5 kilometers (km) southeast of Chita (52-02N 113-29E) and 68 km northwest of Karymskoye (51-37N 114-20E) along the Trans-Siberian Railroad (Figure 1). The installation is served by the Chita-Otpor line of the Trans-Siberian Railroad and by a probable hard surface, all-weather road. The installation is divided (Figure 2-5) into three separate sections: one is a possibly related civilian section, the other two are a probable storage section and a possible vehicle test/maintenance section.

The probable military storage section encompasses approximately 100 acres and contains 92 buildings of which 30 are general storage, 18 probable officer dependent quarters, six barracks, four administration barracks, three equipment storage, and 31 probable support. A probable spur from the rail line serves this section. Vehicle track activity and the road network within the section indicate a probable separate function divorced from the remainder of the installation.

The possible vehicle test/maintenance sec-

tion encompasses approximately 960 acres and contains a total of 185 buildings of which 28 are general storage, 16 equipment maintenance and storage, nine barracks, seven explosives storage, 114 probable support, and 11 unidentified but probably military buildings. A tracked vehicle driver-training course is situated in the northeast sector and includes tank assault gun firing ranges. A double-fenced explosive storage facility is also included in this section. The track activity and associated support/maintenance facilities indicate that this section may be a possible tracked vehicle test/maintenance facility.

In the possibly related civilian section, quarrying is observed and the buildings in the section are probably associated with this activity.

The latest coverage, in [REDACTED] indicates all areas to be occupied, with activity being conducted in the possible vehicle test/maintenance section. The driver-training course has been expanded in its southeast sector, since [REDACTED] Other facilities have undergone no apparent change since [REDACTED]

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

A single probable spur from the main line serves storage area E1.

Road Service

A probable, hard surface, all-weather road connects the installation with points north and south along the rail line. Secondary roads and improved trails connect with the immediate surrounding area.

Aircraft Landing Strips

The nearest aircraft facilities are Chita Kadala Airfield, 17 km west-northwest, and Chita Northwest Airfield, 13 km northwest.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 is in the probable storage section of the installation and is the probable administrative area for storage area E1. It contains four administration barracks buildings, six other barracks, 18 billets (possibly officer dependent quarters), 14 other buildings (probably support), and an undetermined number of possible dependent billets.

Area D2, in the possible vehicle test/maintenance section, is adjacent to equipment storage and training areas, and contains nine barracks and three support buildings.

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General Storage Areas

Area E1, in the probable storage section, contains generally large buildings for probable bulk storage, closely spaced within a secured area, and situated near the probable spur from the rail line. The area includes 30 storage and 14 support buildings.

Three other storage areas are in the possible vehicle test maintenance section. Area E2 contains nine possible storage and two support buildings. Other possible buildings are hidden throughout the wooded area. Area E3 contains 12 storage and 11 support buildings. The storage buildings are large and have direct access to the main road and rail facilities. Area E4 contains seven small probable storage buildings within a secured area. Open storage is also observed in this area.

Ammunition Storage Area

Area F contains seven probable explosives storage buildings, four measuring 105 by 35 feet and three 70 by 35 feet. Many of these are revetted and all are within a double-fenced, cleared space which encompasses approximately 30 acres. There are also five support buildings in the area.

Other Buildings

Area H1, in the civilian section, is a probable cement or soda ash plant at the quarry site and contains 12 buildings of undetermined function.

Three other groups of buildings are found in the possible vehicle test maintenance section. Area H2 contains 11 buildings of undetermined but probably non-military function. Area H3 contains five probable support buildings. Area H4 contains 20 probable support buildings within a possible fence. These are probably support facilities for ammunition storage area F. Also within the area are open storage (a possible vehicle park) and a small arms firing range. Extensive track activity was observed in this area in [REDACTED]

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In addition, at least 21 probable support buildings are scattered throughout the driver-training area (M) and tank assault-gun ranges (N1 and N2).

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 contains two 160- by 40-foot and one 175- by 70-foot equipment storage buildings, three support buildings, and a large open storage space. The function of this area is the probable support of storage area E1.

Two areas are found in the civilian section. Area J2 contains three 160- by 55-foot maintenance buildings and three probable support buildings. These are probably non-military maintenance shops. Area J3 contains one 215- by 55-foot equipment storage building, one 210- by 70-foot maintenance building, and eight probable support buildings. This area probably furnishes storage and maintenance facilities for area H1, and is probably of no military significance.

Three areas are found in the possible vehicle test maintenance section. Area J4 contains five equipment maintenance buildings (230 by 55 feet, 160 by 35 feet, 135 by 75 feet, 190 by 70 feet, and 270 by 70 feet), three 125- by 35-foot equipment storage buildings, and 18 probable support buildings. The location of the area and the track activity within it indicate a probable support function for storage area E3. Area J5 contains two equipment maintenance buildings, 385 by 50 feet and 315 by 55 feet, and 16 probable support buildings. A large, secured open storage space contained a large quantity of possible bulk material when observed on photography of [REDACTED]. Area J6 contains four 200- by 70-foot probable vehicle storage buildings, two equipment maintenance buildings (170 by 70 feet and 160 by 55 feet), and 13 other probable support buildings. There is a large open storage space adjacent to the storage buildings. The proximity of this area to the

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training areas and to barracks area D2 indicates a probable vehicular parking function.

Small-Arms Firing Ranges

Areas L1 and L2 are small-arms firing ranges measuring approximately 250 feet long by 75 feet wide.

Driver-Training Area

Area M, a driver-training area for tracked vehicles, is situated northeast of the installation. Heavy track activity was observed here on photography of [REDACTED]

Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Ranges

Area N1 is an approximately 2,750-foot-long tank/assault-gun firing range with one approximately 1,750-foot-long lane and one target. Area

N2 is an approximately 1,300-foot-long range with two lanes of undetermined length and no observed targets. Other possible target runs, observed in the general area, indicate possible firing while the subject vehicle is travelling on the driver crew training course (M). Heavy track activity on both course and ranges was observed on photography of [REDACTED]

Flat Trajectory Firing Ranges

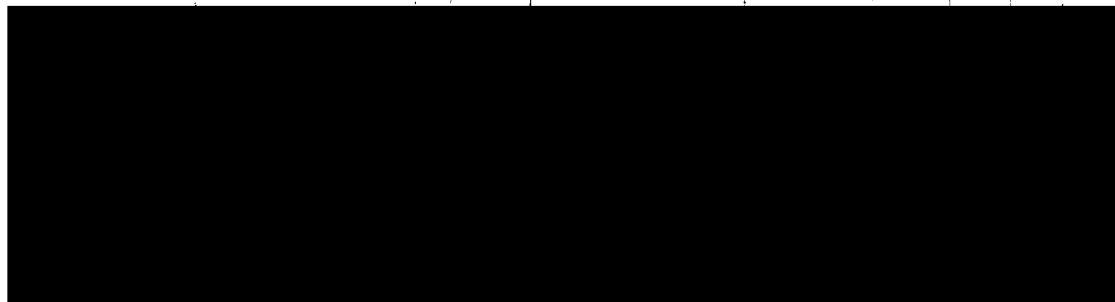
There are several possible ranges in the various training areas of the possible vehicle test maintenance section.

Unidentified Facilities

Area T is an unidentified facility probably associated with tank/assault-gun range N1.

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